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SIR:

In response to the Examiner's Answer mailed May 14, 2009, transmitted herewith for entry in the above-identified patent application is a Reply Brief pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.41.

A response to the Examiner's Answer is due within two months of the its mailing date. Accordingly, this Reply Brief is timely.

Appellants believe that no fees are due. However, if any fees are due, the Director is authorized to charge any such fees and/or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Kenyon & Kenyon LLP Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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